

2 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. I have some background on two of the four cases cited herein and if you remember talked to you about both of these in the morning staff meetings at the time. The two dispatches dated 26 June were submitted concurrently with a dispatch prepared for your signature to the Chief, Far East Division, relative to the routing of incoming correspondence for the Office of the Auditor-in-Chief. Both contained information about the routing of incoming correspondence and were themselves prepared in the form outlined in the unsigned memorandum to the Chief, Far East Division. On approximately the 1st of July you gave me a note asking if the memorandum on routing of incoming correspondence prepared for your signature was technically correct and should be signed. I called the Chief of RI who asked that the memorandum be sent down to him for his approval. This was done and on approximately the 8th or 9th of July we received his written approval. The memorandum regarding routing of incoming correspondence plus the two dispatches dated 26 June were then routed to you for your signature and approval and this was obtained on 14 July. This background was given to [REDACTED] by me by phone at the time. 25X1A

2. The dispatch dated 14 July was received by this office on the 15th, was signed and dispatched by you on the 16th. 25X1A

3. I do not mean by the above to distract from [REDACTED] point that there are unnecessary communication delays within headquarters. Rather, I would agree that this deserves looking into. I have particularly noted that dispatches prepared by the Comptroller arrive at this office for final approval well after the date on which they are written. 25X1A

4. I would recommend that we talk to [REDACTED] of RI, which is the actual point of dispatch, to get his point of view as to the extent of the seriousness of the problem.

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Col. White

After all possible
facts are obtained would
recommend sending to D/P
Admin to furnish another
example of delays in area
decisions